

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lilian Alcaraz et al. Art Unit : 1625
Serial No. : 10/587,633 Examiner : Celia C. Chang
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Title : NOVEL PIPERIDINES AS CHEMOKINE MODULATORS (CCR)

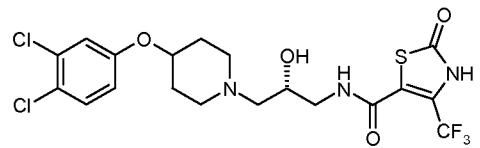
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement having a notification date of July 9, 2009 ("the RR"), Applicants elect Group II, "[c]laims 28-30, 34, 40-44, 54 drawn to R3 is thiazolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl or tetrazolyl, ..." (RR, page 2). It is Applicants' understanding that the Office will also consider claims 15-16, 18-27, and 36-37 to the extent that these claims read on the elected subject matter.

Commensurate with the election of Group II, Applicants elect the species compound, *N*-{(2*R*)-3-[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]-2-hydroxypropyl}-2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-4-(trifluoromethyl)-5-thiazolecarboxamide, which is delineated in the specification, e.g., at page 28, lines 5-30 (Example 4). For purposes of clarification, the structure of the elected species is provided below:



The elected species is readable on claims 21 and 28. The elections are made without traverse.

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